



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Glacier National Park
West Glacier, Montana 59936



Thank you for your interest in obtaining a Commercial Use Authorization (CUA) to conduct Guided Bicycle Tours in Glacier National Park during the 2016 season.

If you wish to obtain a permit for the 2016 season, please read all the conditions of the CUA carefully. A checklist of required documentation is included on page six of the Application Form, for your convenience. Please complete all required fields of the Commercial Use Authorization and Application PDFs, print, and mail to the address below. If you prefer to have this information mailed to you, please call (406) 888-7858 to request a hard copy. The Application Form must be completed, signed, and a hard copy of the CUA (with original signature) returned with the required payment and insurance documentation prior to **May 1, 2016**. Please ensure that **all** items listed on the checklist are included with your application. We are unable to accept credit card payments; payment by check must accompany your application. **Please do not return partially completed application packets.**

Application packages received after May 1, 2016, but before July 1, 2016, will be processed; however a \$100 late processing fee must accompany the application. **No late applications will be processed after July 1.** We require a minimum of 15 business days to process applications.

In the past, there has been interest in guiding CUA participants on hikes as part of Guided Bicycle Tour services in Glacier National Park. This authorization does not allow your organization to lead commercially guided hikes. We have, however, identified certain stops and short walks in the park on which a commercial operator may accompany their clients without having it classified as a commercially guided hiking activity. These stops and short walks are identified on Appendix III of the CUA. No additional fees may be charged to your clients for this activity. Please keep in mind that these are the only trails or hikes where you may lead your clients without using the services of our commercial hiking guide concessioner, Glacier Guides, Inc. Glacier Guides, Inc. can be reached at (406) 387-5555 if you would like to arrange for their services.

As restrictions on commercial tour and transportation access on the Going-to-the-Sun Road apply to commercial groups, including bicycle tour groups, many of these sites will only be accessible to your group during your bicycle ride across the Going-to-the-Sun Road. If you wish to take your clients to these sites on layover days, these services must be provided by one of our concessioners (Sun Tours or Xanterra). The only vehicular use of the Going-to-the-Sun Road allowed under the terms of the Commercial Use Authorization is for a bicycle tour support vehicle.

As in past summers, tour groups may encounter construction along the Going-to-the-Sun Road. Summer 2016 rehabilitation efforts will focus on the east side of the Going-to-the-Sun Road near the Saint Mary Visitor Center, in addition to masonry wall repair work west of Logan Pass.

A copy of last year's *Glacier Visitor Guide* is posted at:

<http://www.nps.gov/glac/planyourvisit/upload/WGG-Final-Print-WEB.pdf>. This publication provides important information regarding safety and resource concerns which we ask you to share with your clients. You will find current bicycle regulations outlined on page four. The 2016 *Guide* should be available in May. We encourage you to visit the park's website in advance of your departure for up to date park information.



In 2013, the park began a multi-year planning effort to address transportation and visitor use issues within the Going-to-the-Sun Road Corridor, including road congestion, parking shortages, and related natural and cultural resource impacts. As most CUA holders use the Going-to-the-Sun Road Corridor for some or all of your park activities, we wanted to ensure that you are aware of this planning effort. You can access previous public newsletters and read more about the plan

here: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=47660>

If you would like to be added to the project mailing list to receive notifications about opportunities for public comment and public open houses, please email Lauren Alley at lauren_alley@nps.gov. The park anticipates that the next period of public comment will be in the summer of 2016.

If you plan to conduct business on any adjacent Flathead National Forest or Blackfeet Tribal land, you will need to contact them directly for information on their requirements.

We recognize this application process can be confusing and would be happy to answer any questions you have regarding the authorization or the requirements. Please contact Jean Tabbert at (406) 888-7858 if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Return completed packages to:

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